

IN his last letter Arsene Houssaye has some semi philosophical remarks upon the rage for things American which begins to prevail in Paris. In the opinion of M. Houssaye America has "the genius of those great operations which move the world" "Here lies a man

trast: "For the American, life is a voyage, the earth is a hostelry; while for the Frenchman life is the everlasting habit of always doing the same thing. They therefore establish themselves on the earth as if they were never going to leave it. The houses they build can never seem solid enough to shelter their fragile lives. M. Thiers, philosopher as he is, and 78 years of age, is rebuilding his hotel burned by the commune, with a watchful care which occupies several hours of every day. He is anxious to get into it by next winter, but he admits that it will be several years before he is completely at home in it."

WHAT a howl the Democratic press would set up if a Republican governor and council should do as Gov. Weston of New Hampshire has done in reference to the counting of the votes for senators. First, they promised to refer the matter to the Superior Court and gave the Republicans to understand that they did so; then they came back with the answer that the court said there was no time

Weston outshook the Chief Justice if there was time, and when he answered doubtfully, did not ask the others. Next, they set the known will of the people at defiance by refusing to count the votes given for a man known throughout the state for years as Natt Head, thereby electing a Democrat. And this is the Democracy to whom the voice of the people is the voice of God. The trouble is, they have no faith in the voice of the latter.

THE North Star is twinkling chain lightning for the venerated *Sunrise* editor. In 1871, the editor of the *Sunrise* said some

whom it now lauds to the skies. The *Star* republishes, probably to the intense disgust of the *Sunrise* man, some of these editorials. Here is one of the scorching rays of the *Sunrise* of 1871:

We never repeat an assertion we have once made because somebody says it is not true, but we say to Mr. Powers, and he may rely on this assertion, that if he never reaches Congress until we help him there, he will wait until he becomes an honest man, politically, which is an event of more unlikely occurrence than the elevation of Victoria Woodhull to the Presidency.

EUROPE is not unlike the child who has been bitten by a dog and thereafter passes

breute abide. No sooner does Bismarck grow than the whole continent is alarmed. There seems to have been little if any reason for the scare of a week ago. The fitful gleam across the political sky were but the sheet lightning of storms which have long ceased. It is doubtless true that the Czar held in his control the destinies of Europe. But Alexander of Russia is too wise and patriotic a sovereign to jeopard the interests of his empire for the sake of gratifying his friendship for the German Kaiser.

THE Democrats of New Hampshire have, all unwittingly, wrought their own destruc-

of the State read them to quote over the name of Gen. Natt. Head, and to shut out that gentleman from the seat to which he was chosen by the people. It now appears that Mr. Frank. Jones has docked his baptismal name, and that the Democrats have been exchanging a Representative in Congress for a state Senator. To use a homely simile, they have got it in their own dish now.

THE power of capillary attraction has received a striking illustration. In Albany not long since a woman committed suicide by hanging herself with a hair switch which she had removed for that purpose. On the whole

fasten some years since by Absalom, and is certainly far more expeditious and less painful than the manner of committing suicide by piling great masses of false hair upon the head and so breeding fatal and loathsome diseases.

SCIENCE, which has come to the rescue of nearly all our pet abominations, has a word to say for the house-fly. The noisy insect feeds upon the animalcules which abound in impure air, and so really does us a good turn. He is also useful as a standard. Catch him and weigh him. If he be lean the room is unhealthy, the air being free from animalcules.

In certain respects Mr. James Lick's changes in his deed of trust are for the better. He has cut down the "appropriations" for statutory from \$400,000 to \$160,000. Considering the terrible possibilities the country is to be congratulated upon the reduction. \$400,000 will buy marble enough to make a great many horrible things.

THE French are meeting with great success in the manufacture of cider from beets. On this side of the water the success is quite as marked in making "beats" from cider. The French method is decidedly preferable, and

The new King of Spain appears to be behaving himself very sensibly. He has refused to accede to the demand of the Papal Nuncio for the suppression of the liberty of worship in Spain.

Current Notes.

Mr. Eaton is unquestionably correct in the general view which his paper expresses, that the people of the United States can have a genuine civil service reform when they make up their minds that they really wish it.—*N. Y. Times.*

When the Southern people have passed through a Presidential campaign without killing any negroes, and when voting a Republi-

to believe that they have experienced a real change of heart.—*Indianapolis Journal*.

Shall the country be surrendered to the Democracy with their Eatons and Cockerells, or will the Republican party give good government, peace and prosperity to the country? By no means. The "extreme" and non-organizing "half-independent Republican like" *ex* Hawley of Connecticut, or Blaine of Maine? or some other man equally good and true?—*Burland Globe*.

Among the influences that are likely to contribute to the impetus of trade may be cited those which will necessarily attach to the celebration of the centennial. It has been estimated that a quarter of a million of visitors will come to our shores during the next year as tourists, who

dollars. Add to this amount the sum saved to the country by those who have come, the sum expended on all the railways, and you will find that the money has been paid to the center and the life given to all kinds of business by the distribution of a large mass of capital, and there is every reason to believe that the year 1876 will be commercially one of the most eventful in our history.—*N. Y. Herald.*

Grant has been a good general and a good president during his years his administration will be known as one successfully and honorably conducted through stormy times, and in its general grouping will go down to history as a hard work well done. But when president has served eight years, the people are weary and are released from their pupilage. And this is the time for the third term selection, we must not avoid the question.

man—though we have met many who justified the President in refusing to say yes or no to a proposition which has never come to him from any authorized, impartial or important source,—*Newark Advertiser*.

He said the following with reference to the bagman's musical instrument: "The bagman was an instrument both ancient and well-known; it was alluded to in the writings of Juvenal, Quintilian and in King Howell's *Letters* (A. D. 912) and was known in Ireland

